



MINUTES NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Attendance Roster

	DATE	Tuesday, June 10, 2014	
	TIME	8:30 A.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management	
		Training Room	
		2478 Fairview Drive	
		Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Bertral Washington - Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Robert Dorsey – Vice Chair	X		
Sandra Baker	X	Karen Hall – HS Staff	X
Dick Casto	X	Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
Dan Dundon	X		
Nicole Hart			
John Horton	X		
Chris Ipsen	X		
Carolyn Levering	X		
Rachel Skidmore	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Critical Infrastructure Committee Chair, Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security performed a roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. No commentary in either location.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Washington requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes from the December 16, 2013 Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) meeting. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas motioned to approve the minutes with a second provided by Assistant Fire Chief Sandra Baker, Clark County Fire Department. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. STATE LOCAL TRIBAL TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (SLTTGCC) UPDATE

Irene Navis, Clark County Fire Department briefed the Committee on the annual meeting of the SLTTGCC highlighting the annual meeting of SLTTGCC in Arlington, Virginia. The SLTTGCC is actively recruiting membership. There is heavy emphasis between physical and cyber security, increasing public and private partnerships, and engaging the private sector. Priorities are set on best practices. Ms. Navis spoke to the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) and the influence of the feedback from that program over the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Discussion ensued regarding IP Gateway implementation to collect data for critical infrastructure protection in lieu of the Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) system. This effort has been somewhat delayed to December 2014, so both programs will be running parallel until that time. Both training and exercise personnel at DHS are currently looking for webinar ideas promoting the national award program named for Rick Rescorla who is credited for saving many lives during the Hurricane Sandy event in 2012. The award is given to a private sector individual or organization, not a government entity or individual. Nevada is asked to participate on at least one webinar at no cost to the state in addition to being able to identify any topic Nevada wishes to speak about. Ms. Navis urged that Nevada has the opportunity to share best practices and lessons learned in this webinar.

Rachel Skidmore, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) inquired what expertise the SLTTGCC may be looking for in regards to membership. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas added additional inquiry as to what gaps need to be filled. Ms. Navis indicated that there is a need for a good mix of state, local, and tribal representation. Mr. Cordova added that the SLTTGCC has not had an established process for nominations adding that he has submitted Chief Christopher Smith, NDEM/HS to sit on the SLTTGCC. As there are not many representatives from Nevada in Region IX, nominations to the SLTTGCC need to move quickly. Discussion ensued on establishing a local procedure for local submissions. Ms. Levering spoke to concerns over that critical infrastructure which is privately held and the appropriateness of nominating a private sector person to sit on the SLTTGCC. Mr. Cordova and Ms. Navis indicated that the SLTTGCC is comprised of only governmental personnel, but there is another group which private sector representation is allowed. Mr. Cordova indicated that Nevada is represented on many of the sub-councils of the more broadly based sector specific councils. Ms. Levering inquired what the commitment level is to be on the SLTTGCC, with Ms. Navis indicating that due to funding limitations, meetings are held to a minimum with use of conference calls primarily. Any meeting attendance is covered by DHS. At the request of Ms. Levering, Chair Washington asked that an agenda item be placed on the next CIC agenda to address the coordination of future nominations with Mr. Cordova.

5. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEY RESOURCES (CIKR) ACTIVITIES IN NEVADA

Gonzalo Cordova, Protective Security Advisor (PSA) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spoke both IP Gateway and ACAMS status. ACAMS is no longer online, however information may be retrieved through Silver Shield if needed. All users will have to be certified under the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) program. All assessments have been completed including dashboards and the Special Event Management Tool. Should Mr. Cordova brief the Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) on PCII related information, there

would have to be a closed meeting; all attendees would have to have PCII certified prior to the meeting. Mr. Cordova spoke to recent training activities and future training opportunities in both the north and south. He is also working with LVMPD and northern partners on special events to see if assistance with training is required.

Rachel Skidmore, LVMPD indicated that both she and Dan Dundon, Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC) have been told that each would receive administrative packets in addition to IP Gateway being accessible to administrators. There is a gap in current PCII storage, but that information can be retrieved with proper protocol. All ACAMS data will transfer over via a special viewer. It will be archived only, not editable. Once authorized administrative personnel are set up, users can be brought up as well. Training is expected to be in the range of 45 minutes for the PCII training webinar.

6. DISCUSSION ON NOMINATING PROJECT ASSESSMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) REGIONAL RESILIENCY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Gonzalo Cordova, DHS briefed the Committee on the RRAP process history speaking to several sectors of interest. PSA's submit projects for RRAPs. This year, DHS asked for 50 projects to be conducted within the United States, with five of these projects having a cyber-component. Mr. Cordova indicated he was looking at a project targeting wastewater treatment. The project will look at wastewater facility relationships with control systems. If approved, vulnerability assessments will be done as well as security surveys, and possibly cyber assessments. Once this is done, the report will be submitted. The process involves facilitated discussions and a major exercise addressing scenarios that would impact wastewater treatment. The draft nomination process was discussed according to the limitations of PCII. A draft of this project request has been submitted to the DHS regional director. The submission is due this Friday, with the thought that approval would come in September or October of 2014, and the project would start in 2015. Several outreach meetings would happen if approved. Agencies do not have to participate in assessments, but DHS asks that they do participate if possible.

Irene Navis added that the regional resiliency component focused on discussing criteria for review. The SLTTGCC will not be involved in the selection process. Ms. Navis indicated this project fits in very well, and DHS is looking for linkages to cyber-security or gaps in capabilities.

Robert Dorsey, Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) inquired as to what the timeline is for this project. Per Mr. Cordova, if approved, the award of the project should be at the start of the fiscal year. It may take up to two to three months to facilitate discussions depending on the number of assessments and resources needed.

Chris Ipsen, Nevada Department of Administration inquired if this is considered a regional exercise including rurals and Northern Nevada. The north has a concentration of manufacturing and regionalized management of water systems. There is opportunity to analyze posture and remediate some of the cyber-related concerns. Mr. Ipsen congratulated Mr. Cordova on including the cyber-component in this exercise. Industrial control systems are a big target for DHS right now.

Rachel Skidmore noted the efforts of Clark county water reclamation district's efforts in conjunction with this upcoming project.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CYBER SECURITY COMMITTEE AS A COMMITTEE UNDER THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Chris Ipsen, Chief Information Security Officer for the Nevada Department of Administration briefed the Committee on the complexities of cyber-security noting the tremendous efforts the Committee has put forth in bringing cyber-security to the attention of the public and the state. Mr. Ipsen emphasized the present challenges affecting Nevada currently, and with the Commission's direction to place cyber-security as the number one priority for the state, it's important to know who will be the authorized source to respond to threats in addition to the efficacy of response. Mr. Ipsen read into record the recommendations which he made to Governor Sandoval pertaining to the creation of a separate cyber-security committee with particular emphasis on the fact that Nevada must have a coordinated effort and governance model to address real threats, not parochial interests. The Cyber Committee should work in conjunction with the CIC and have the recommendation is to have the Chair of the CIC on the new Cyber Committee.

Chair Washington asked for a motion to recommend the CIC's approval of moving forth with splitting cyber-related issues from the CIC umbrella to the Cyber Security Committee under the Commission. Robert Dorsey indicated his approval of this request. Chair Washington indicated that it was important for the CIC to move this forward unanimously. Rachel Skidmore supports the motion encouraging the inclusion of public and private utilities in the new body to give those sectors a voice in this arena. Mr. Ipsen indicated his agreement that the structure of membership should reflect the composition of the Commission as the Governor wants to be inclusive in this process.

Chair Washington asked the Committee if there were any objections to the creation of this new Cyber Committee in addition to inquiring about the need for a motion to approve moving the recommendation to the Commission. Ms. Ladich confirmed the CIC should make a motion. Mr. Ipsen then motioned to create the Cyber Committee recognizing the necessity for collaboration between the newly formed Cyber Committee, CIC, and other critical infrastructure components. Rachel Skidmore seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Washington opened discussion for public commentary. Irene Navis referred to Agenda Item #7 noting there is a cyber-security component associated with those efforts to maintain the link between the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security's priorities and DHS requirements. Ms. Navis also indicated it's important to include cyber in the Nevada Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan (NCIPP). Chris Ipsen spoke to the importance and difference between physical and cyber security noting there are natural segue for extension of initiatives benefitting Nevada moving forward.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Washington called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was presented by Carolyn Levering, with a second provided by John Horton, Boyd Gaming. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.